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District boards and taluk boards working at a deficit.

* 611 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the district boards which are working at a deficit and the amount of deficit in the last budget of each of them; and

(*b*) the names of taluk boards which have recurring deficits and those which are on the border line?

A.—(*a*) Particulars are furnished in Annexure I.[a]

(*b*) Particulars are furnished in Annexure II.[a]

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"How have Government met the deficits of several districts like Trichinopoly?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It is for the district boards to devise ways and means."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Have the Government approved the deficit budgets or insisted that their budgets should be balanced?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"In some cases Government have done so."

District boards working at a deficit.

* 612 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many and which of the district boards are working at a deficit at present;

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take to remedy this defect; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the revenues of the district boards have decreased owing to the abolition of tolls?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 611.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué, dated 6th January 1934, regarding the abolition of taluk boards. The Government's proposals are contained in Bill No. 2 of 1934. It is also proposed to introduce a Bill providing for the imposition of tolls on non-motor vehicles and animals.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Taluk boards working on a deficit both prior to and after the Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1930.

* 613 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many and which of the taluk boards which were in existence before the Local Boards Act, 1930, were working at a deficit;

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 519–520 infra.